

DRAFTTOPICS FOR RESEARCH ON PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM THE 20TH CPSU

1. Determination of the factual accuracy of Khrushchev's speech, including compilation of all available evidence to spotlight whatever falsifications exist in his speech and reasons for falsification.
2. Compilation of a list of Stalin's major misdeeds, including a thorough and systematic analysis of omissions, such as the following: mass repressions (1934-1937), deportations, inherent inhumanity of the collectivization program, anti-Semitism, and major errors in foreign policy; to clarify underlying motivations and prove Khrushchev has been highly selective in his entire anti-Stalin campaign,
3. Analysis of the nature of the Soviet system as the source of Stalinism, which provides the means and the justification for Stalinist crimes, to show that the practices which initially facilitated the rise of Stalin still prevail in the system and that the present Soviet leadership is continuing Stalin's practice of concealment, evasion, manipulation of doctrine and facts.
4. Analysis of the nature of power exercised by the Soviet leadership as a source of degeneration of the Soviet system, to show that merely substituting the concept of collective leadership for the cult of the individual cannot prevent the rise of another Stalin, but is a device for evading the issue of continued concentration of unlimited power at the top.
5. Show how the current Soviet leadership has refused to modify the deceptive and peculiar Stalinist concept of Soviet democracy, even though Khrushchev's speech proves that the Party could not protect the people, the Soviet state, or itself against a Stalin.

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6. Examination of the question of co-responsibility for Stalin's tyranny and the contradictions which give the Soviet system credit for major successes while at the same time denying the responsibility of the major element of CPSU leadership for authenticating and executing failures and evils of an equally serious nature.
7. In the evolution of the Soviet state to its present level, what factors and/or individuals were responsible for Soviet achievements, in view of presently existing contradictions which:
 - a. Place blame on Stalin for excesses and evils, yet deny he is entitled to exclusive credit for major successes of the Soviet state during the past 40 years.
 - b. Claim that credit for all the successes of the Soviet state belong to the Communist Party, yet admit the Party lacked initiative and authority and that the Party leadership was helpless during Stalin's years.
8. Analysis of why the "collective leadership" can offer no effective guarantees against another Stalin, and an examination of current "decentralization" measures which have left the powers of the Soviet regime intact.
9. The case of Yugoslavia: How reconcile statements of the CPSU and the 30 June resolution, including the rejection of the idea of "national Communism," with the CPSU-Yugoslav agreement on relations between the two Communist parties?
10. An analysis of the evolution of Marxism-Leninism in Yugoslavia and identification of essential divergencies from Soviet pre- and post-20th CPSU Congress views.

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11. Extent of support of Khrushchev's denigration of Stalin and "liberalization" of Communism on the part of Politburo members as revealed in their public statements.
12. An analysis of the content, scope, and motivation of recent Soviet liberalization measures both within the USSR and the satellites, including an evaluation of their results and effects.
13. Comparison of Asian and Western Communist reception of the 20th CPSU theoretical innovations and deStalinization.
14. Theoretical and practical significance of Khrushchev's interpretation of the Leninist tenets of coexistence, inevitability of war, and forms of transition to Socialism.
15. An analysis of the reasons for the deStalinization program and its results. What were the expectations of the Soviet government in terms of internal and foreign reaction? Have these expectations been fulfilled?
16. What are the factors and conditions in the Soviet evolution which cause purges or changes in the party line?

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